

ENERGY

President Bush asked, and the Senate delivered a comprehensive energy bill that provides affordable energy for a growing, secure economy. The comprehensive, bipartisan Energy Policy Act of 2005 contains key provisions:



Preserves Jobs and Strengthens America's Economy

- Saves nearly 2 million American jobs over the next decade.
- Creates hundreds of thousands of new jobs, including agriculture, technology, research, construction, mining and transportation.
- Expands production of all energies to stabilize energy prices that climbed sharply in recent years due to tight supply.

Employs Innovative Technology To Improve Conservation and Efficiency - Provisions will go farther than Congress has gone before to conserve energy and ensure efficiency

- Sets first-time efficiency standards for 14 commercial and residential appliances that traditionally use a great deal of energy.
- Provides a broad array of tax incentives for production of renewable energies, purchase of clean fuel vehicles, energy-efficient systems and appliances, and the construction of energy-efficient homes and offices.
- Encourages design and deployment of innovative technologies for production, conservation and diversification of clean energy.

Diversifies and Increases Domestic Energy Supply in Environmentally Responsible Ways

- Increases production of clean energies from wind, solar, nuclear power, clean coal, oil, gas and geothermal sources.
- Requires fuel manufacturers to use 8 billion gallons of ethanol in gasoline by 2012.
- Creates hydrogen research program in conjunction with federal labs, universities and auto manufacturers to design hydrogen cars.

(Source: SRC and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources)



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IRAQ

"The political progress in Iraq is considerable. They've elected a government, they have sovereignty over their nation, they're in the process of drafting a constitution, all people are participating, the elections will be held toward the end of the year, economic progress is being made." (Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, 6/26/05)

Iraq Has Made Significant Progress

- **Iraqis Have Laid The Foundation Of A Free Society.** Hundreds of newspapers, dozens of political parties and associations, and schools across the country are flourishing.
- **Iraqis Have Laid The Foundation Of A Free And Thriving Economy.** Iraq has a new currency, an independent central bank, and new laws to stimulate foreign investment. Thousands of new small businesses and entrepreneurship are creating jobs and opportunities for millions of their fellow citizens.
- **Iraqis Have Laid The Foundation For A Society Governed By The Rule Of Law.** Courts are functioning across Iraq, and hundreds of independent Iraqi judges have trained in Bahrain, Jordan, the Czech Republic, Britain, and Italy.
- **Iraqis Have Laid The Foundation For Democratic Self-Governance.** In the face of threats to their own safety, more than 8 million Iraqis courageously voted in January's elections. Iraq's leaders are now working to establish an Iraqi Transitional Government that reflects the full talent and diversity of their country.

There Is Still Work To Be Done

- **The Iraqi People Are Determined To Defeat The Insurgency.** The soldiers and police of a free Iraq faced down the insurgents on election day and prevailed.
- **Iraqi Security Forces Now Outnumber U.S. Forces In Iraq.** More than 150,000 Iraqi Security Forces have been trained and equipped, permitting America and its Coalition partners to increasingly play a supporting role.

(Source: White House Communications)